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For RING BINDER

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1. As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence and post office address is as stated below.

2. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in Patent No. 5,842,807 granted December 1, 1998, "RING BINDER" for which invention I solicit a reissue patent.

3. I hereby state I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application, including the claims.

4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

5. I believe the original patent to be partly inoperative by reason of claiming less than I had the right to claim in the patent. One error upon which I rely as the basis for reissue is claim 1 requires "a substantially rigid *integral* upper structure". The newly presented claims eliminate the requirement the upper structure be integral. Another error relied upon from claim 1 is "securing means for securing said ring binder to said base member". Applicant seeks by this reissue application to add a new claim 18 similar to claim 1, but replacing the foregoing means-plus-function language, which would require reference to the specification for

interpretation pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112(6), with "securing fastener". Moreover, new independent claim 19 is changed from original claim 1 with regard to "securing means" (as described for claim 18), and also clarifies that the securing elements referred to in claim 19 are intended to be securing elements which have ends located at the end of the securing fastener "farthest from the engagement portion".

6. I hereby state that all errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intent on the part of Applicant.

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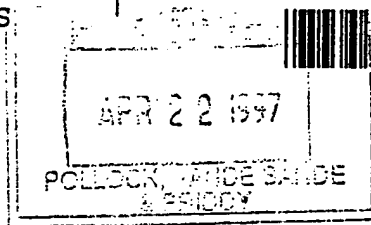


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